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Reply to Office Action of 2 March 2005

REMARKS

I. Support for the claim can be found on page 10, third full paragraph of the instant specification.

II. The above claim further distinguishes the invention of interest from the two asserted anticipatory references.

III. Regarding the obviousness rejections of record, there is neither teaching nor suggestion of priming a surface with an initiator and then conducting a polymerizing chain reaction at the initiated surface.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination, reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejections and early indication of allowance are requested respectfully. Should the Examiner believe that an interview would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the exchange noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

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